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For: DIAGNOSTIC ASSAYS OF SECRETED BIOLOGICAL FLUIDS FOR DETECTION OF
INFECTION AND INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS,

the specification of which is being transmitted herewith.

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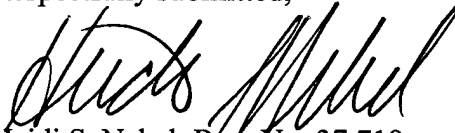
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